

**WEST COAST INLAND NAVIGATION DISTRICT
MINUTES OF APRIL 19, 2013 BOARD MEETING
VENICE CITY HALL – COUNCIL CHAMBERS
VENICE, FLORIDA**

Commissioners Present

**John Chappie, Chair
Charles Hines, alternate
for Nora Patterson Vice Chair
Tammy Hall , Treasurer
Stephen R. Deutsch, Secretary**

Staff Present

Charles W. Listowski

Others in Attendance

Phillip Perrey, Legal Counsel

Vice Chair John Chappie opened the meeting at 10:32 a.m. in Council Chambers – Venice City Hall, Venice, Florida.

PUBLIC COMMENT – Mr. Myers addressed the Board stating he was here representing the citizens of Harbor Lights, and to protect the interest of their shareholders.

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION’S COMMENTS – Mr. Listowski noted that Counsel Perrey has been exploring the changes to the ERP rule making revision.

Counsel Perrey updated to the Board on the process:

- A notice of proposed rule has been published in the Florida Administrative Weekly
- Rule adoption hearing will be on May 6, 2013 10:00 a.m., on-line webinar
Covers ERP’s and all of the general permits that are now in existence
- NGP for Sarasota, Manatee, and Lee Counties
- It will be the place where the NGP for Charlotte County will go, once the NGP rule for Charlotte is adopted. The Sea Grant Waterway Management Study was presented to the Charlotte County Board April 9, 2013 adopted and approved the study
- With this rule being adopted, start a rule making process to get a NGP for Charlotte County
- DEP staff has requested an e-mail with a draft rule and ask them to start
- Suggested to the Board; direct staff to file a notice with DEP to initiate a rule making proceedings for NGP for Charlotte County
- Suggested to the Board; the Charlotte County Board follow along, pass a resolution agreeing/supporting the Charlotte County NGP

Commissioner Deutsch motioned to direct Charlotte County to pass a resolution to agree/support the Charlotte County NGP.

Commissioner Hall seconded the motion.

Motion passed unanimously.

U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS’ COMMENTS – Mr. Listowski stated that at the last meeting, March 1, 2013 Commissioner Patterson requested that the USACE do an analysis of the history of Harbor Lights. Mr. Listowski read an update from Millan Mora, USACE, regarding Harbor Lights; “At the request of the

Board I met with Al Fletcher (Navigation), Sharon Conklin (Office of Counsel) and Real Estate. Al Fletcher feels that the easement cannot be released since it is needed for the Federal project. Sharon mentioned that a letter was provided to the homeowner stating they would be allowed to live on the property until the current owner is deceased. A response was never provided to the USACE from the property owners. So as we stand, we still need the easement for the project”.

Commissioner Hall requested an aerial view of the property in question for the next meeting.

Current on-going Maintenance

- 20,000 cubic yards were dredged from Cuts SC-2 & SC-3 Sunshine Skyway area
- 15,000 cubic yards were dredged from M-12 & M14 Anna Maria Island area
- 35,000 cubic yards were dredged from M-5 Jewfish Key area – 5,000 cubic yards remain to be dredged
- 30,000 cubic yards remain in Cuts Longboat 2 and Longboat 3
- Funds remaining for Government dredge through April 30, 2013
- Requested funds \$500,000.00 FY13 work plan to finish the Longboat Pass cuts
- Reprogram funds \$300,000.00 into the GIWW to continue dredging Longboat Pass
- Miserable Mile – sand will have to be used in spoil areas, since it is not beach compatible.

CONSENT AGENDA

Commissioner Hall motioned to approve the Consent Agenda with correction to Commissioner Deutsch’s name.

Commissioner Deutsch seconded the motion

Motion approved unanimously.

ADMINISTRATIVE AGENDA –

District Project Status Report

1. Manatee County
 - Anna Maria Island, Lavista Inlet, Holmes Beach Channel No. 1, Trailer Estates East; projects are in limbo with the USACE, guidelines were changed and reauthorization is needed.
 - Sea Grape Channel working with County staff to understand what the scope of work should be.
2. Sarasota County
 - Venice Marine Park- routine storm water assessment
 - Cherokee Park – in the permitting process
 - Snake Island – in the permitting process – contract negotiations end of summer, construction to begin in the fall
 - Venice Jetty’s – fortified the jetty’s
 - Mooring Field- installation of 35 mooring buoys, project complete
3. Charlotte County
 - Regional Waterway Management Plan has been adopted
 - Stump Pass is moving ahead, lighted buoy being installed
4. Lee County
 - Port Carlos Cove – permitting completed
 - New Pass –potential to improve water flow
 - Punta Rassa – boat ramp recently dredged

Federal Budget Update

Commissioner Patterson requested at the last meeting to look into funding for New Pass in Sarasota County. Mr. Listowski noted that Congress has approved additional funding for small river & harbor improvements. Our Washington DC liaison advises that this increase could help projects like New Pass in Sarasota County.

Short List of suggested policies for the inclusion in policy manual

1. Sponsorships for workshops and special events – no guidelines on amount of money or the number of times they can request it in a year. Commissioner Hall suggested adding a line item to the budget and any sponsorship that exceeds \$5,000.00 be brought to the Board, there was consensus by the board for this suggestion.
2. District emergency reserve guidelines – GSAB 54 creates categories in the fund balance; currently unassigned amount; Counsel Perrey submitted a drafted a resolution, establish a committed/restricted fund balance “WCIND Emergency Response Fund”. Counsel Perrey asked if this was a good idea; and how much money do you want to put in this fund? Commissioner Hall asked if this was going to be a percentage put aside each year or 100% out of reserves. Consensus of the Board was to have staff continue to research the issue.

Old Business

1. Counsel Perrey reported on the recent discussions about the Wharf. There will be a meeting with the new owners of the “Wharf” April 29, 2013 at 2:00 PM Venice City Hall.
2. Board Assignment

Commissioner Hall motioned to appoint Commissioner Patterson as Vice Chair.

Commissioner Deutsch seconded the motion.

Motion approved unanimously.

Commissioner Deutsch motioned to appoint Commissioner Hall as Treasurer.

Commissioner Hall seconded the motion.

Motion approved unanimously.

Commissioner Hall motioned to appoint Commissioner Deutsch as Secretary.

Commissioner Hines seconded the motion.

Motion approved unanimously.

COMMISSIONER ITEMS: None

Meeting adjourned at 11:37 PM

Next meeting will be held on June 7, 2013 at 10:30 AM at Council Chambers at the Venice City Hall.